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Here are some hints and tips on playing the slots at the casinos or on the boats!

RULE #1 - Understand what you are playing:

It is extremely important to read and understand the **pay table** of each machine you are playing. This way you know what you are trying to '**hit**' and what is the required combination to hit the **Jackpot** on each machine. On some machines that are connected to jackpots you *must* bet the maximum credits/coins and also land on the correct winning symbols in order to collect that machines Jackpot.

Nothing could be worse than hitting the jackpot then realizing that if you had played just one more coin you would have won 10,000 instead of 1,000. This also applies to machines that offer free or bonus spins. Once you realize what is required to hit the jackpot, you won't walk away from the machine with only a spin or two of hitting big!

RULE #2 - Making changes in your bet amounts:

This concept is good on most slot machines but it is not generally the way to play a "Progressive Machine". Instead of always betting the same amount i.e. 2 coins or 3 coins, you have a better chance of winning by changing the bet amount each time you spin the reels.

Example, bet 2 coins, 1 coin, 3 coins, 2 coins, etc. On a 1 cent machine that has say 20 pay lines, playing all pay lines you would bet 20, 100, 200, 400, 500, 400, 200 and the like. This will give you a better chance at hitting the higher multipliers on that machine without using up too much of your money. If luck is with you, you will hit the winning pay lines while you are on the higher bet amounts.

This is the best way to play machines that offer free or bonus spins or the ones that have bonus rounds simply because you receive free spins at a higher bet level than you would normally play. But it is important to realize that this will not change the odds of winning in any manner.

RULE #3 - Playing maximum bet amounts:

Generally, it is best to play the maximum bet amount the machine will allow. Many people believe that the bet amount actually changes your odds of winning. This is **NOT** true! The only possible exception to this is when playing multiple pay line machines that offer more than 3 reels. On these types of machines, playing the maximum possible bet will quickly reduce your bankroll. Knowing this makes it easier to find machines that you can play that fit within your budget.

When playing "***Progressive Machines***" playing the maximum bet allowed is the only way to play!

The reason for this is because just about all progressive machines require that the maximum bet amount be played in order to win the jackpot. Not playing the maximum bet will allow you to hit all the correct symbols for the jackpot, but since you didn't play the maximum bet, you won't win the jackpot even though you landed on all the correct symbols in order to hit the jackpot.

RULE #4 - Manage Your Money - Don't play all your winnings back in!

If you hit nice on a machine, **DO NOT** put all of your winnings back into the machine! Do Not Do Not Do Not!

You must keep a percentage of your winnings and allow yourself a percentage to put back into the machine to continue playing. Playing in this manner will allow you to always keep money in your pocket!

Example, let's say you were to win \$1,000.00 you could take 10% of that winning and play with that (\$100) and if by chance you win again, take 10% of that and continue to play while putting the rest in your pocket. This way if you don't win again you will at least have \$900 to play somewhere else or take home with you.

RULE #5 - Manage Your Money - Play through method

This is the best way to make sure that when you leave the slots you actually take some money back home with you! Decide how much money you want to play with. Then play this amount through your slot machine only **ONE TIME!** Do not play it in a second or third time for **ANY** reason!

The way to do this is to calculate your total amount divided by the amount of your bet. Example \$50.00 divided by .50 would give 100 spins of the reels. Once you reach the end of the 100 spins, you cash-out whatever is left and move on to another machine.

It is possible that you may end up with much more than what you started with or with less, but at least you are almost always guaranteed to have at least some money left in your pocket.

RULE #6 - Manage Your Money - How much money should you play with?

Managing your cash is the most important factor when gambling and this holds so true when it comes to successfully playing the slot machines! First off, you need to set limits for each day or each trip to the casinos or the boats.

The amount you play with is totally up to you! Some people may want to play with only \$20.00 while others may limit themselves to \$2,000.00 or more.

Regardless of how much you permit yourself to play with, most of the big wins will come early on.

If you are playing a slot machine and don't win anything in the beginning, it is best to move on to another machine. Some people believe that if they sit in front of the same machine for a long period of time they will eventually **HIT** the Jackpot!! However this is **NOT** true!

It is important to know that there is never any guarantee that you will ever win even if you sit at the same machine all day and night long.

Playing The New Slot Machines:

Many people won't play the new machines because they think that they have a lesser chance of winning. This is not the

case! Normally the new machines tend to have a higher hit-level because the casinos want you to play those new machines and win. The payout percentages are generally higher on these newer machines, at least for the first few days or weeks the machine is in the casino or on the boat.

This way you usually have a better chance of winning big!

Did You Know?

Contrary to popular belief, a slot machine will **NOT** pay out at a certain time, or after so many spins of the reels or after so much money has been put into them.

So many people believe this and watch a machine waiting for more people to put \$ into it then walk away a loser. Once they think the machine is ready, they walk over knowing that it will pay off for them.

Casino technicians can't change your odd's of winning either. They can change the percentage (an IC chip change is required for this) but they in no way can change your odds.

Some people think that when a technician works on their machine, if the tech likes them, he fixes the machine so it will hit for them.

There is absolutely **NO** truth to this! (Sorry).

Slot machines have certain winning combinations (see our section on ***how slots work***).

These combinations are predetermined. Each machine has what is called an 'RNG' Random Number Generator. This RNG counts from 1 to about 200 million every second when the machine is turned on. This is true whether it is in '**idle**' (game ready to be played) or '**game**' (being played) mode. The only time the machine is not counting is when it is turned off.

As soon as you hit the [SPIN REEL] button or you pull the handle, the machine receives a set of numbers from the RNG.

These numbers are given to the machine before the reels even begin to spin.

IF these numbers are among the pre-set winning combination of numbers, you will win. If they are not, then you will not win.

TIMING IS EVERYTHING when playing a slot machine. If you happen to spin the reels or pull the handle at **JUST THE RIGHT TIME**, then you will win to some extent. Unfortunately it is impossible to know when just the right-time is. This is where **LUCK** comes into play.

We hope that these tips will help you the next time you are playing the slots at your favorite casino or the next time you visit the gambling boats!

***MAY LUCK BE WITH YOU
ALWAYS!***

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